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Our Case No.: 659/766

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Gary L. Shanklin, et al.

Serial No.: 09/753,134

Filing Date: December 29, 2000

For: AntiMicrobial Absorbent Article, And  
Methods Of Making And Using The  
Same

Examiner:

Group Art Unit No.: 1775

## INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, it is respectfully requested that this Information Disclosure Statement be entered and the documents listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 be considered by the Examiner and made of

record. Copies of the listed documents required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(2) are enclosed for review by the Examiner.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(g),(h), this Information Disclosure Statement is not to be construed as a representation that a search has been made and is not to be construed to be an admission that the information cited is, or is considered to be, prior art to the application, or material to patentability as defined in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56(b).

This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed prior to the receipt of the first Official Action reflecting an examination on the merits and hence is believed to be timely filed in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b). No fees are believed to be due in connection with filing of this Information Disclosure Statement, however, should any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 to 1.21 be deemed necessary for any reason relating to these materials, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to deduct said fees from Brinks Hofer Gilson & Lione Deposit Account No. 23-1925. A duplicate copy of this document is enclosed.

Applicants respectfully request that the listed documents be made of record in the present case.

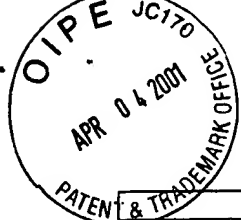
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Title of Invention Antimicrobial Absorbent Article, And Methods Of Making And Using The Same			

## TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS

Transmitted herewith is Information Disclosure Statement (in duplicate), Form PTO-1449, Copies of Cited References A1-A18, Postcard Receipt.

- ☐ Small entity status of this application under 37 CFR § 1.27 has been established by verified statement previously submitted.
- ☐ A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 CFR §§ 1.9 and 1.27 is enclosed.
- ☐ Petition for a \_\_\_\_\_ month extension of time.
- ☒ No additional fee is required.
- ☐ The fee has been calculated as shown below:

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x \$9 =	
x 40 =	
+ \$135 =	
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- ☒ I hereby petition under 37 CFR § 1.136(a) for any extension of time required to ensure that this paper is timely filed. Please charge any associated fees which have not otherwise been paid to Deposit Account No. 23-1925. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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